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(57) Abstract: A circuit interruption device is provided in which an interruption element and a fuse element are configured electrically in parallel. The interruption element includes an electrical conductor and a current interrupter capable of severing the electrical conductor to eliminate its capacity to carry current. The interruption element has an initial state and an actuated state. When the interruption element is in the initial state the electrical conductor provides a conductive path parallel to the fuse element. When the interruption element is in the actuated state a gap created in the electrical conductor by the current interrupter prevents current from flowing through the electrical conductor. An exemplary embodiment of a circuit interruption device is capable of detecting an interrupt control signal and actuating in response to the signal.